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Exemption No. 4063C  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-9030

Mr. Dennis C. Ricker  
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Dear Mr. Ricker:

This is in response to your January 23, 2001, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF) for an extension of Exemption No. 4063, as amended. That exemption from § 91.119 (b) and (c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows pilots employed by or acting pursuant to a contract with the DOF to conduct firefighting operations that require the aerial application of fire retardants or water over congested areas and cargo paradrops and/or aerial application of fire retardants or water over other than congested areas in the State of Alaska. The FAA notes that the original exemption refers to DOF's Air Operations Handbook which is now called the Aviation Policy and Procedures Manual.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to DOF.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 4063, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator,

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Exemption No. 4063, as amended, is hereby further amended by (1) extending its July 31, 2001, termination date to July 31, 2003, unless sooner superseded or rescinded; and (2) by changing the reference to DOF's Air Operations Handbook to Aviation Policy and Procedures Manual.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 4063, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 4063.

Please note the FAA has assigned a new docket number to this project (Docket No. FAA-2001-9030; previously Docket No. 23760). In an effort to allow the public to participate in tracking the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's Internet-accessible Docket Management System (DMS), located at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new system enables interested persons to submit, view, and download requests to the DMS in accordance with 14 CFR § 11.63. Future requests should be submitted through this system.

Sincerely,

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Director, Flight Standards Service

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